Subject: Re: upp webpage: the IDE features and tools overview (draft...) Posted by mr ped on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 08:09:08 GMT

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So far with my limited experience with TheIDE (on WinXP) I feel the speed of start was great and it doesn't also eat too many system resources.

Otherwise TheIDE is still way behind MS VisualStudio (in terms of easy-to-find + easy-to-use as half of the functionality is already there (other half missing)), looks like some beta to me in many aspects. Probably already usable to develop big projects (even by other people, not just creators of U++), but not mature yet.

Can't find anything spectacular about the IDE itself. Than again, I did use it just few times, still evaluating it.

I think even good documentation will *not* help TheIDE in it's current state, when many functions are "hidden" (not shown in context menu (in correct context), sometimes even completely missing from upper menu, just listening to the hot-key). As many people are used to learn such software by exploring it functions, not by reading documentation.

I just run TheIDE to test one basic thing right now ... Open any package ... hit F1 bang bang bang ... *nothing* happens. This UI design is hopeless. Sorry. Lot of work to do.

I think TheIDE is not a thing to advertise too much. Not YET.

OTOH I believe the potential is there, it is really a great tool once you get used to it.